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FOR AMEMBASSY CAPE TOWN

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TAGS: PORG, SF, WA

SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: CONTACT GROUP MEETING OF MARCH 1

REF: (A) CAPE TOWN 380, (B) USUN 320, (C) USUN 647,  
(D) STATE 049666

1. CONTACT GROUP AGREED AD REFERENDUM MARCH 1 ON DRAFT  
TALKING POINTS (SEPTTEL) FOR USE IN PROPOSED INFORMAL  
MEETING WITH SOUTH AFRICAN FOREIGN MINISTER BOTHA. THESE  
TALKING POINTS ARE LENGTHY BUT ARE NOT/NOT TO BE GIVEN  
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TO BOTHA IN WRITING. THEY ARE DESIGNED SOLELY TO PROVIDE  
CAPE TOWN AMBASSADORS WITH EXTENSIVE MATERIAL UPON  
WHICH TO DRAW. CAPE TOWN WILL NOTE THAT TALKING POINTS  
DO NOT DEAL WITH THE QUESTION OF WHEN FINAL SOUTH  
AFRICAN CONTINGENT IS WITHDRAWN. IF BOTHA POINTS THIS  
OUT, YOU SHOULD SIMPLY RESPOND THAT YOU HAVE NO FURTHER  
INSTRUCTIONS ON THAT SUBJECT. (FYI: THE CONTACT GROUP

HAS NOT YET REACHED ANY CONCLUSION ON THIS POINT. THE BRITISH, CANADIANS, AND FRENCH BELIEVE THAT THE COMPLETION OF THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN RESIDUAL FORCE SHOULD BE SUBJECT TO THE VIEW OF THE CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY. FRG JOINS THE US IN OPPOSING SUCH A CONDITION AND WE RECALL THAT WE DELIBERATELY DROPPED THIS FORMULATION IN CONNECTION WITH OUR EFFORT TO PERSUADE SWAPO TO ACCEPT THE CONCEPT OF A RESIDUAL SOUTH AFRICAN FORCE. WE BELIEVE IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO EXPLORE THE INTRODUCTION OF THIS NEW CONDITION IN TALKS WITH SWAPO OR THE FRONTLINE STATES. IN TODAY'S CONTACT GROUP MEETING WE EXPLORED WITH THE OTHER GROUP MEMBERS THE POSSIBILITY OF DISCUSSING THIS QUESTION INFORMALLY WITH PRESIDENT NYERERE. ALL GROUP MEMBERS ARE REFERRING THE MATTER TO CAPITALS. END FYI).

2. DURING CONTACT GROUP MEETING USUN PASSED COPIES OF REF A TO WESTERN FIVE COLLEAGUES IN ORDER TO FACILITATE DISCUSSION OF CAPE TOWN'S MUCH-APPRECIATED RESPONSE TO OUR QUERY ON HOW WE MIGHT HELP GET VORSTER OFF THE HOOK, DELAY AN ELECTION DATE ANNOUNCEMENT AND GIVE US MORE TIME TO NEGOTIATE. WITH REGARD TO THE THREE SUGGESTIONS (PARAS 4A, 4B, 4C OF REF A) GROUP AGREED TO INCORPORATE SUBSTANCE OF MESSAGE (PARA 4A) INTO INFORMAL TALKING POINTS FOR BOTHA (SEPTTEL); AND TO ADOPT SUGGESTION (PARA 4C) THAT CAPE TOWN FIVE ENCOURAGE HELPFUL PUBLIC STATEMENTS FROM SOUTH AFRICANS AND NAMIBIANS. REGARDING THE LATTER  
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SUGGESTION, GROUP BELIEVES THAT CAPE TOWN FIVE SHOULD DEVISE PROCEDURES TO IMPLEMENT PARA 4C. GROUP SEES NO REASON WHY IN COURSE OF BRIEFING INFLUENTIAL GROUPS AND PERSONS, CAPE TOWN FIVE CANNOT PROVIDE COPIES OF WESTERN FIVE PROPOSAL (REF C) PROVIDED THE PAPER IS NOT IDENTIFIED AS COMING FROM US. GROUP BELIEVES THAT ITS POSITION IS TOTALLY CONSISTENT WITH WESTERN FIVE'S ORIGINAL AGREEMENT TO WIDE DISTRIBUTION OF THE PROPOSAL.

COMMENT: WHILE CAPITALS (ESPECIALLY LONDON) MAY BALK AT SUCH WIDE DISTRIBUTION, WE WERE SURPRISED AT HOW EASILY THIS PROPOSAL GAINED CONTACT GROUP APPROVAL GIVEN THE HISTORIC SENSITIVITY OF SOME GROUP MEMBERS ON THIS SUBJECT. END COMMENT. ON SUGGESTION CONTAINED PARA 4B, ALL BELIEVED THAT COMMISSION IDEA WOULD NEED FURTHER STUDY.

3. WITH REGARD TO RECENT SOUTH AFRICAN REQUEST (REF C) FOR ASSISTANCE CONCERNING SOUTH AFRICAN SOLDIERS HELD PRISONER IN ANGOLA, GROUP AGREED THAT AMB MCHENRY SHOULD EXPLORE WITH ADRIAAN EKSTEEN, CHARGE OF SOUTH AFRICAN MISSION TO UN, QUESTIONS POSED BY DEPARTMENT (REF D). MCHENRY DID SO ON ALL ITEMS EXCEPT PARA C. WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE TO SUGGEST LINKAGE BETWEEN RELEASE

OF SOUTH AFRICANS IN ANGOLA AND RELEASE OF NAMIBIAN  
POLITICAL PRISONERS. YOUNG

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